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(b) the names of the topmost six of the applicants from the Brahman community who have been refused admission into the Colleges and the marks obtained by them in their group subjects?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (a) & (b) A statement [a] is laid on the table of the House."

Students of Tanjore district admitted into Agricultural Colleges.

* 95 Q.—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to lay on the table of the House—

(a) a list of those who have been selected for admission into the Agricultural Colleges from the Tanjore district together with the marks obtained by them in their group subjects; and

(b) the names of the topmost six of the applicants from the Brahman community who have been refused admission into the colleges and the marks obtained by them in their group subjects?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (a) & (b) A statement [b] is laid on the table of the House."

SRI K. MANATHUNAINATHA DESIKAR :—" Are there any other essential qualifications prescribed like good physique and good parentage? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Yes, Sir. In case of admission to the Agricultural College, besides the acadamic qualifications, factors such as whether the family has got lands and whether the person has a good physique are also taken into consideration in selecting persons."

Working conditions of sweepers.

* 96 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO (on behalf of Sri P. R. K. Sarma) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether all sweepers in Government hospitals and even those who were on the permanent establishment previously have been treated as " contingent " staff;

(b) whether the Government consider the work and services of the sweepers in hospitals and public health institutions as continuous and permanent;

(c) if the answer is in the affirmative, why they should be treated as contingent; and

(d) whether the menial staff in the Government Press and elsewhere have been similarly treated as a new " contingent " service?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Sweepers in Government hospitals were never borne on the permanent establishment; they have always been, and still are, on the contingent establishment.

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[a] Printed as Appendix VI on pages 280–283 infra.

[b] Printed as Appendix VII on pages 283–284 infra.

"(b) The answer is in the affirmative.

"(c) The question of transferring them to regular establishment is under consideration separately.

"(d) Menial staff in the Government Press and Public Health Department are treated as contingent servants."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"May I know whether the Government have any proposal to abolish what is called the contingent staff?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"Yes, Sir."

Estimated increase in the population in the Madras City since 1941.

*97 Q.—SRI S. B. ADITYAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Firka Development be pleased to state—

(a) the estimated increase in population in Madras City since 1941; and

(b) the number of houses built in Madras City since 1941?

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—"(a) The estimated increase in population in the Madras City over that in 1941 is about four lakhs.

"(b) The number of houses built in Madras City after 1941 up to 31st March 1948 is 2,483. In addition to these 2,634 new houses have undergone certain structural alterations."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—"Is it correct that the increase in the number of houses has not been keeping pace with the increase in population?"

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—"Yes, Sir, it is so."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—"Has not the City become progressively more and more crowded?"

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—"Yes, Sir, it is true."

MRS. MONA HENSMAN :—"Is it not a fact that many of the houses which used to be dwelling houses and residential quarters are now being taken for office purposes and offices are being located there by the Government? Though, so far as the landlords are concerned this is possible for they get better rent, such a thing should not be done and dwelling houses which has been acquired for office purposes should be returned for use as residential quarters as soon as possible."

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—"The Government will consider the question."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—"May I know what the Government have done so far, to show that they are alive to this serious and alarming state of congestion in the City?" 12-30 p.m.